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via signaling which meets at least one of the following conditions: the signaling occurs over a path different from the speech connection; and the signaling occurs at a time prior to call set-up between subscribers A and B.--

REMARKS

Appreciation is expressed to Examiners Urban and Gesesse for their courtesy and their constructive assistance during the personal interview held with undersigned counsel on June 13, 2000. During that interview, specific claim amendments intended to more clearly distinguish the present invention over the prior art were discussed in detail. The Examiners indicated that these amendments would more clearly define the subject matter of the present invention and appeared, subject to further review, to distinguish the invention over the prior art previously relied upon. However, the Examiners also indicated that the proposed amendments would be considered to raise new issues, and would therefore not be entered after final action.

For this reason, the application has now been re-filed and the present Preliminary Amendment has been drafted to include the additional limitations discussed during the interview and to include further revisions intended to place the claims in a form that is more consistent with the conventions of U.S. practice.

As was discussed during the interview, the object of the present invention is to provide a novel solution to the problem of transmitting caller identification from a calling party to a mobile station associated with a called party. In the prior art, this information was transmitted by signaling that was related to the speech connection and sometimes did not reach the calling party because the signaling passed through a network or networks that were not capable of conveying the calling party identification information. In order to eliminate this shortcoming, the present invention transmits the identity of the calling party by at least

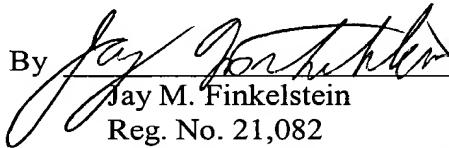
one of: signaling which occurs over a path different from the speech connection; and signaling which occurs at a time prior to call set-up between the calling subscriber and the called subscriber.

The prior art relied upon to support the rejection of claims during examination of the parent application did not include any disclosure of transmission of the identity of a calling subscriber under either one of the conditions mentioned above.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the present claims distinguish patentably over the prior art and an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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